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lowans to gather for 'Great Places

Forums to launch state initiative

DES MOINES – The stage will be set for creativity, bold thought, innovation and entrepreneurship at 10 forums across the state this spring about Iowa Great Places, an initiative announced by Governor Tom Vilsack earlier this year.

"These forums will be a wonderful opportunity for Iowans to learn more about Great Places and share their visions for Great Places in Iowa," said Anita Walker, director of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs.

Forum dates and locations in the area nearest to Charles City are as follows:

- May 17 Surf Ballroom, 460 North Shore Drive, Clear Lake, 4-6 p.m.
- May 25 Oster Regent Theater, 103 Main Street, Cedar Falls, 4-6 p.m.

The forums are free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served. For more information, visit www.iowa-greatplaces.gov or call 515-281-8824.

Persons with a disability who need a reasonable accommodation to participate in a forum should contact Jill Fulitano-Avery at (515) 242-6334 or jill.avery@iowa.gov.